Petitions Presented. By Mr Parks, of John May; referred to a select com

joint resolution on the subject of the bash and Erie canal; concurred in. By Mr Winchell, from the judiciary committee, reporting

it inexpedient to further legislate upon the subject of supervisors; concurred in. By Mr Orth, from the same committee, returning certain resolutions on the subject of changing the present system of probate courts, and requesting to be discharged; concurred

By Mr Orth, from the same committee, reporting it inex-pedient to legislate further on the subject of allowing pleading the want of consideration in certain cases; concurred in. and called for the ayes and noes, which stood as follows: By Mr Stewart, recommending the indefinite postpone-ment of a bill for the relief of certain heirs therein named. On motion, the report was laid on the table.

By Mr Murphy, from the same committee, reporting a bill

porting a bill upon the subject of Notaries Public; report conreporting and recommending the passage of a bill incorpo-rating the Grand Subordinate Division of the Sons of Tem-perance in Indiana.

Summers, Thomas, Wiley, Wilson, Wise, Woodruff, Yaryan and Mr. Speaker—62.

Nozs—Messrs. Addleman, Anthony, Arnold, Brown, Reports from Select Committees.

By Mr Edmonston, reporting a bill for the relief of -By Mr Read reporting a bill amending a bill incorporating Parker, Parks, Porter, Tackett, Tait, Tebbs, Thompson, the town of Jeffersonville. By Mr Miller, reporting a bill authorizing a new mode of doing business by the board doing county business in Orange

By Mr Howell, reporting a bill for the better regulation of tion, and wish the mode of doing county business in the county of Warrick.

By Mr Robinson, reporting a bill for the formation of a Mr. Porter, new judicial circuit. The report and bill were laid on the table.

By Mr Allison, reporting a bill letting out the publicating to the lowest bidder, with an amendment. The question was taken on the passage of the bill, (after a motion made for the suspension of the rules,) and resulted -ayes 25, noes 21. So the bill passed. Resolutions Introduced.

By Mr Goodenow, on the subject of amending the school By Mr Bowers, on the subject of further legislation agriculture; adopted.

By Mr Hardin, on the subject of insane officers, and

pointing deputies; adopted.

By Mr Handy, that the committee on the benevolent institutions of the State be discharged from further considera- ject of the reduction of the salary of county officers as tion of the discharge of the matron from the deaf and dumb they were already sufficiently low; concurred in. asylum; adopted by a vote of ayes 28, noes 19. The Senate adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION. On motion, the Senate took up bill No 34, for the relief of

Joint Resolutions Introduced. proposed to the Wabash and Erie canal bill; laid on table.

Bills Introduced. By Mr Davis, a bill to repeal an act entitled "An act for the relief of the helts of Capt. R. McCarty;" referred to the judiciary committee. By Mr Cuppy, repealing a certain act therein named;

By Mr Orth, a bill relative to costs; passed to a secon A message was received from the House that it was now

ready to proceed with closed doors to the election of a Bank Director, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the expiration of the term of office of the Hon. Wm. Dailey, and inviting the Senate into the Hall. The action of the House was recip-By Mr Berry of F., a bill for the relief of certain persons therein named; passed to a second reading.

Leave was granted to Mr Ellis to make a report from the

judiciary committee, reporting a bill for the relief of Wylie Edmonston and wife, quieting title to real estate derived By Mr Davis, a bill relative to brokers; passed

second reading.

By Mr Osborn, a bill giving power to married women make wills; passed to a second reading. The Senate adjourned.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. TURSBAT, Dec. 22, 1846.

The House met. Petitions Presented.

By Mr Thompson, from Thomas Wheatly and others; referred to a select committee. By Mr. Thomas, from citizens of Rush county, to appint commissioners to locate a State road in Rush and

By Messrs. Monk and Noel; referred without reading By Mr. Miller, from James Kitchen, on the subject of a conveyance of real estate; referred to a select committee. Reports from Standing Committees.

Mr. Suit, from the committee on elections, reporte back the bill for the relief of the voters of Warrick county, and that it was inexpedient to make its provisions general. [This bill repeals the law restricting voters to their own wnship as far as Warrick is concerned.] Mr. Secrest moved that the House refuse t

the report, so far as the inexpediency of making its provi-sions general. He wished to make this a test vote. Mr. Suit thought the present law was a good one. That it was the only means of effectually preventing frauds. That it was the only way to distribute the business required by the officers of the elections. That the officers of elections for their respective townships would be better quali-fied to judge of the legality of the votes cast.

Mr. Secrest withdrew his motion.

The report was then concurred in, when the bill was amended by adding the counties of Hendricks, Daviess, Martin, Owen, Perry, Dubois, Spencer, Harrison and Ohio, by their respective representatives. Mr. Secrest moved to amend by adding all the counties

in the State ; negatived-syes 22, noes 77. M. Carr of L. thought this bill was a violation of bill of rights, which requires the elections to be free and equal. This bill makes such a distinction between the different parts of the State as he thought amounted to an infraction of the bill of rights.

Mr. Porter considered that the freedom and equality of voters at elections would be best preserved by permitting the voters to go where they pleased to vote.

Mr. Yaryan said he would without any hesitancy votp

rainst this bill. To confine voters to their own townshie here they are well known, is the only way to preserve pure the elective franchise.

Mr. Fullet said that it was not generous for members from those counties which experience none of the incon-venience of the present law should proscribe those that do. The existing law does not prevent frauds. It is notorious By Mr Orth, from the same committee, a bill incorporating The existing law does not prevent frauds. It is notorious that a greater number of illegal votes are given under the Lafayette Hydraulic Company, with an amendment;

present law than under the former one.

Mr. Carr of L. maintained his opinion that such a diversity in the mode of election in different counties con-flicted with the privileges secured by the bill of rights.

stitutions of the State, returning the resolution on the sub-ject of inquiry into the causes of the withdrawal of Mrs. Johnson, Matron of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum; concurred Mr. Cravens said he would call the atten House to article 6 and section 1st of the Constitution of

the State, which says, persons are entitled to vote in the county where they reside. He considered the Legislature had no power to confine or restrict the people to any particular place, it was an infringement of the privileges guarantied by the Constitution.

Mr. Balding thought the Legislature in confining voters

Reports from Scient Committees.

By Mr Milliken, giving a share of the school fund to Ohio county; passed to a second reading.

By Mr Parks, divorcing Madison Lamb; passed to a second reading.

By Mr Davis, authorizing the Superintendent of the New Albany and Vincennes road to creet certain bridges thereon;

Mr. Balding thought the Legislature in confining voters to their townships did not in any wise transcend the re-atrictions of the Constitution.

Mr. Yaryan said the elective franchise was the fountain second reading. head of our institutions and must be kept pure. Frauds, too often imposed on officers at crowded elections, should too often imposed on officers at crowded elections, should be guarded against. The notion that the 1st section of jority of the board of school trustees a quorum to do busithe 6th article of the Constitution referred to by gentle- ness; adopted. the 6th article of the Constitution referred to by gentle-men prohibited the Legislature from restricting voters to their own townships, were mere chimeras of the brain.

By Mr Orth, that the committee on education inquire into the expediency of furnishing a copy of the "Common School Advocate" for each school district, and each auditor's office As well might gentlemen say that the law requiring votes in the State. to be given between the hours of 8 o'clock a. m. and 6 o'clock p. m. on the first Monday in August, was unconthis inquiry. The "Common School Advocate" is no better land marks beyond which we could not go, but within commend this more than any other? which we had a right to act for the greatest good. No one who had ever witnessed the crowds usually resorting to town at exciting elections would deny but that frauds and impossitions were the more easily practiced on the officers. town at exciting elections would deny but that frauds and impositions were the more easily practiced on the officers of atections. At the passage of the law restricting voters to their own townships, said Mr. Y., there was some dissatisfaction in his county, but time had made a change, and he had no doubt experience would make it popular. The difficulties about badly arranged townships, impassible streams &c. spoken of by gentlemen, were no objections, as township lines were mere imaginary things, easily altered by the County Commissioners to suit the people. There the evil should be remedied. He hoped, therefore, that the bill would be indfinitely postponed.

Mr. Dobson considered the law to restrict voters was

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Mr Winchell; referred to a select committee.

Reports from Standing Committees.

Mr Parks, from the committee on finance, reporting a resolution on the subject of the completion of the Wald of the completion of the Walds of the completion of the wa under this section.

Mr. Hicks knew that in many instances this law occasioned great inconvenience to the voters in many counties. He thought counties which from their locality were free from that inconvenience others were subjected to, acted unjustly not to extend to them this reasonable indulgence. Mr. Miller moved to lay the bill and amendments on the

Mr. Crookshanks moved its indefinite postponer AYES-Messrs. Balding, Carr of Lawrence, Carr of Decker, Dole, Dowling, Edwards, Fry. Gilleece, Gordon,

Clark, Carnahan, Clark, Colms, Cravens, Crookshank, amending the execution and appraisement laws of the State.

By Mr Miller, from the committee on public buildings, giving the causes of the smoke in the Senate chamber; congiving the causes of the smoke in the Senate chamber; conand, Hostetter, Huddleson, Huffstetter, Hull, Johnson, the House?" it was negatived. By Mr Davis, from the committee on the State Bank, reMeredith, Miller, Monk, Moore, Noel, Nofsinger, Norton, Osborn, Powell, Scott, Secrest, Shields, Sleeth, Smiley, Stanfield, Stewart of Fayette, dStewart of Laporte, Suit,

Battell, Cassatt, Deam, Dobson, Dunham, Fuller, Green, of Putnamville be vacated; passed. Harvey, Hicks, Holman, Huff, Hunt, Jenison, Jones of Blackford, Lemmonds, Lewis, Lutz, Mason, Neal, Palmer, Trimble, Walker, Watts, Wolfe and Young-38.

Mr. Stanfield, that the charges preferred against George Johnson, Probate Judge of Allen county merited investigation, and wished authority to send for persons and papers; Mr. Porter, a bill to punish embezzlement; ordered

the second reading. Mr. Julian, a bill to authorize the election of county Mr. Harvey moved to except the county of Hendricks; not agreed to ; passed to the third reading. Mr. Sleeth reported it inexpedient to legislate

subject of estrays; concurred in. Mr. Julian, a bill defining the duties of county assessors; ordered to the second reading. Mr. Dunham, amendments to the bill providing for the election of township assessors in certain counties; the bill

was not ordered to be engrossed. Mr. Porter, that legislation was unnecessary on the sub-Mr. Meredith, from the committee on roads, a bill

locate a State road in Wells and Adams counties; passed to a second reading. Mr Palmer from the same, to locate a State road

Cass and Howard; passed to a second reading. Improvements, introduced the following preamble and By Mr Hamer, on the subject of postage; passed.

Mr Winchell, on leave, introduced a resolution calling on the Governor for the reason of the delay of the amendments State, in 1843, to select lands under the grant made by resolutions; which was read three several times and passed. the Congress in February, 1841, to aid in completing the Wa-bash and Erie Canal, selected 35,319 52-100 acres, which the Acting Commissioners of the General Land Office has refused to recognize, on the ground that said lands were not " subject to private entry."

Whereas, it would now subject the State to much expense and great inconvenience, and might conflict with her financial arrangements to be compelled to make a new selection in lieu of the lands which the said Acting Commissioner thus refuses to confirm :

And whereas, these lands were selected in lieu of the finest body of lands in the West, lying immediately on the margin of said Canal, and to which the paramount claims of the State were deferred, to give place to pre-emptions, private entries, and Indian Reservation, it is no more than heer justice that the State of Indiana should, with reference to said rejected selections be placed upon the same footing: Therefore.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, That our Senators in Congress be instructed and our Representatives requested, to advocate the immediate passage of a law by Congress, authorizing and directing the Commissioner of the General Land Office to confirm the selection of the 35,319 52-100 acres made by the Agents of this State in 1843, notwithstanding said lands may not have been "subject to private entry," as intimated in the communication of the Acting Commissioner to Gov. Whitcomb, dated September 7th, 1846. SEC. 2. Be it further resolved, That his Excellency

the Governor, be requested to transmit with as little delay as possible, copies of this Joint Resolution to our Senators and Representatives in Congress. The House then adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION. Mr Jones of G. from the cammittee on Canals &c. reported back a bill for the relief of purchasers of Canal lands and recommenced that it be laid on the table ; concurred in Mr Dole from the same, reported back the bill of the Senate for the payment of damages assessed or to be assess

material to the main bill. ] Mr Noel, on eave, introduced a resolution directing the Clerk to inform the Senate that the House is now ready to proceed to the election of a Bank Director to fill the va- the execution plaintiff.

cancy occasioned by the expiration of the term of service of Wm. Dailey. The House after eight ballotings, without coming to any choice, adjourned.

SENATE. WEDNESDAY, December 23, 1846. Senate met. Petitions Presented.

By Mr Osborn; referred to a select committee withou By Mr Milliken, on the subject of abolishing Ohio county

referred to the judiciary committee.

When the Senate proceeded, with closed doors, to the election of a State Bank Director, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the expiration of the term of office of the Hon. Wm. M. Dailey. After the re-opening of the doors, it was announced that the Hon. Wm. M. Dailey was re-elected by the House, as well as by the Senate. Reports from Standing Committees.

By Mr Parks, a bill from the finance committee, on the subject of printing the delinquent lists, with certain amend-ments; recommitted to a select committee. By Mr Edmonston, from the committee on canals and in

ternal improvements, a bill for the relief of David Burr : dopted, with an amendment. By Mr Stockwell, from the same committee, reporting nexpedient to legislate further on the subject of damages by

By Mr Berry of F., from the committee on corporations,

By Mr Henry, from the committee on the benevolent stitutions of the State, returning the resolution on the sub-

Reports from Select Committees.

passed to a second reading. By Mr Murphy, legalizing the acts of the citizens of freensboro, in the election of their trustees; passed to a

Resolutions Introduced.

mal. The framers of the Constitution had drawn than many other papers in the State. Why should they re-

On motion of Mr Milliken, a call of the Senate was ordered When the question was taken on the adoption of the reso-lution offered in the morning by Mr Orth, and decided in the

By Mr Milliken, a bill relative to testimony in difficulties

in the boundaries of new counties; referred to the judiciary By M: Conner, a bill providing for a special session of the probate court in Hamilton county; passed. By Mr Winchell, a bill authorizing certain persons therein

named to keep a mill dam across the Mississinnews river; passed to a second reading.

By Mr Holloway, a bill relative to the retailing of spiritous liquors in Wayne county; passed to a second reading By Mr Osborn, a bill relative to the assignment of dower;

passed to a second reading.

On motion of Mr Rockbill, a bill relative to purchasers of canal lands was taken from the table; and on the question, "Shall the Senate concur in the amendments appended by

By Mr Orth, a bill incorporating the Lafayette Bridge Company ; passed to a second reading. By Mr Stewart, a bill relative to executions; passed to second reading.

By Mr Berry of M., a bill giving additional time of

ng the probate court of Monroe county; passed. Leave was granted to Mr Hamrick to make a report of bill from a select committee, that a certain alley in the town Leave was granted to Mr Handy to make a report of a bil for the divorce of Elizabeth Lister.

Bills Passed. A bill relative to a county road in Putnam county. A bill relative to decrees in chancery.

A bill for the better regulation of the county board in Warrick county.

A bill on the subject of divorces.

A bill to correct a mistake in the printing of an act rela tive to the Vincennes and New Albany road. A bill explaining sections 143 and 145, of chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes of 1843. A bill repealing an act entitled "An act for the relief of the people of Steuben, Dekalb, Lagrange, and Noble counties

A bill divorcing Catharine Vickory.

A bill for the relief of Theodore Ellis of Laporte county A bill amending an act entitled "An act incorporating the Knightstown and Shelbyville railroad. A bill to facilitate the building of school houses

county of Dearborn. A bill for a new mode of appraising real estate in Orange A bill fixing the time of holding courts in the county

A bill to change the time of holding courts in the elevent judicial circuit: A bill vacating certain streets in Orleans, Orange county. A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for a new mode of doing county business in Tippecanoe county.'
A bill for the relief of John Soden. A bill repealing section nine of article nine of the Revised

Statutes of 1843, relating to the office of Notacies Public. Mr Handy moved to recommit the bill, with certain The ayes and noes were then called-ayes 27, noes 22.

So the bill passed. This bill gives to the clerk of the bank only the duties of Notary.]

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

On motion of Mr Secrest, the Senate was informed that the Mr Parker introduced a resolution authorizing the doorkeeper to perform the duties of sergeant-at-arms in the impeachment case now before the committee on the judiciary and receive the same fees therefor. The House than proceeded with closed doors to the ele-

tion of Bank Director; and on the thirteenth ballot a choice was made. The doors being opened, it was found that William M. Dailey had received 50 votes, and - Morgan 48, A message was received from the Senate, confirming the

Wm. M. Dailey was declared duly elected. Petitions were presented by Messrs Smiley, Palmer McCormick, Dunham, Decker, Anthony, Yaryan, Dean Colms, and Griffis; which were appropriately disposed of On motion, the House adjourned. AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mr. Ferguson introduced a petition from James Carr. oraying a divorce, which was laid on the table. Reports. Mr. Secrest, from the committee on Ways and Means eported back the bill giving license and permits to travelling merchants and pedlars, and recommended its indefinite

Mr. Carnsham, from the same committee, reported back the bill defining the duties of County Treasurers and re-commended its passage; bill ordered to be engrossed-Mr. Anthony, from the same committee, reported back the bill to reduce the expenses of Floyd county, and that

it was inexpedient to make its provisions general.

Mr. Secrest, from the minority of the committee, intro ed for private property taken for the construction of the duced a minority report accompanied, with a bill which Wabash and Eric Canal, with sundry amendments [not was to regulate the fees of the county officers throughout

the State. Mr. Palmer moved to amend by allowing sheriffs but one per cent, on sales, when the property is bought in by

The minority report and smendment were not agreed to. The bill was then ordered to be engrossed. Leave of absence was obtained until Monday next fo Messrs. Tackett and Secrest. The House then adjourned.

THURSDAY, Dec. 24, 1846. Senate met.

Petitions Presented. By Messrs. Rockhill, Orth, Clements, and Logan; re Reports from Standing Committees.

By Mr. Orth, of the Judiciary committee, reporting back the bill relative to issuing patents for sale of canal lands, and recommending its indefinite postponement; con-By Mr. Osborn, from the same committee, relative t

guardians of insane persons, with amendments. By Mr. Holloway, from the same committee, reporting it inexpedient to pass a law for the election of persons for the settlement of decedents' estates. By Mr. Davis, a bill for the relief of the heirs of

late Gen. R. McCarty. By Mr. Henry, from the same committee, in reference to limiting the duties of county Auditors. By Mr. Clements, from the same committee, a vacate offices when the officer becomes insane. By Mr. Robinson, from the same committee, a l

tive to mechanic's liens. The President laid before the Senate, a commu from the general Superintendent of the Wabash and Erie canal; and on motion, it was laid on the table. Reports from Select Committees.

By Mr. Robinson, a bill to amend the charter of Ailford and Columbus Railroad. By Mr. Winchell, a bill divorcing James D. Roberts. Bills Introduced. By Mr. Milliken, incorporating a seminary in the town

By Mr. Winchell, divorcing M. J. Thompson By Mr. Stockwell, extending the time of holding Pro-bate courts in the county of Vanderburgh. By Mr. Jrth, to legalize the transfer of certain cana

By Mr. Robinsen, concerning elections in Decatur Leave was granted to Mr. Holloway to introduce esolution, giving to Wm. H. Churchman, 100 copies of the report of the Trustees of the Blind Asylum; adopted. By Mr. Davis, enabling executors and administrators to settle real estates of decedents.

Orders of the day. Bills Passed. A bill incorporating "The Clifty Band, and Mooresville Musical Institute," in Dearborn county.

A bill authori ing the Superintendent of the and New Albany road, to build bridges thereon. Leave was granted to Mr. Orth to introduce a bill for

referred to the Judiciary co A bill incorporating the Lafayette Hydraulic Company.

A bill securing to Ohio county a share of the common A bill relative to feertain school districts in Hendrick

the relief of Andrew W. Baker, and Rosanna, his wife;

A bill changing the mode of doing county business i A bill on the subject of the construction and improve-ment of the harbors on the Lakes, was read the second

By Mr Taber; referred to the judiciary committee without reading.

By Mr Murphy; referred without reading.

By Mr Murphy; referred without reading.

By Mr Beard, of the Trustees of Wabash College; referred by the laward were sending up petitions praying to the committee on education.

By Mr Wiley, a petition from John Shoup, for compensation for the would vote that the whigs had brought the State into her present desire that the whigs had brought the State into her present destructions, plorable state of "eternal bankruptcy." The Democrats, to the committee on education.

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Mr. Julian differed from those who deemed it unconstitutions of the the word of the was sorry to hear the matter, he would vote that the whigs had brought the State.

Mr. Julian differed from those who deemed it unconstitute or the present destructions of the state agency and be independent cart was elected to Congress on that question; it was a measure. You, Mr. President, know something of the ment of taxes., decided question by the Supreme Court of the Union, matter; your vote had been registered in its favor; you had that States cannot improve or construct harbors-the urged the passage of the bill; you had claimed to your power was only in Congress. Does he understand the political friends all the benefit and honor arising from the ntleman that by his motion he means to instruct our Representatives in Congress, that Congress has no power he had recorded his vote in its favor-had urged its pason the subject ? Are the Senate to inform our Represen- sage, and claimed all the honor that might arise from it. tatives in Washington, that they have no power in the matter? He hoped the bill would not be so disposed of. Shall our State be understood as ranking with the abstractor from Lake Michigan. tionists of the South in opposition to the improvement of our rivers and harbors? He hoped not.

Mr. Edmonston was understood to say, suppose Mr. Catheart was elected upon the question of the improve-ment of our harbors, why should the Senate be called upon to express their opinion in the matter-to endorse the election of Mr. Catheart? If this was the intention, called Federalist, now disbanded ! Could he not be excushe was ready to act upon the matter at all times, but would ed from following in the wake of Benton? Gentlemen had prefer it laid over until a full Senate was had.

Mr. Handy withdrew his motion: And Mr. Berry of F. moved an amendment.

Mr. Osborn remarked, that in drawing up the resolution; he tried to accommodate all parties; would prefer that the amendment would not be adopted. After reading the clause of the constitution, giving power to Congress to regulate commerce among the States, he wished to know the improvement of harbors was not therein included. provided, the power was intended for national importance. Is not inland commerce as important as foreign commerce ? Shall the Senate raise the ridiculous issue that Congress has no power to regulate inland commerce? It is our duty, and our interest to express an opinion upon the

We are a practical people, not theoretical. The constiay the amendment on the table; not adopted. Mr. Osborn then moved to strike out the word "clearly"

a the amendment; adopted. Mr. Handy moved to lay the resolution and amendments on the table; not adopted. Mr. Davis then moved to further amend.

Mr. Berry of F. moved to commit the resolution and mendments to the committee on Federal Relations. Mr. Berry of M. asked if there was not a difference clearly seen between the powers of Congress to regulate ance of a political etiquette of the same character. ommerce, and of the appropriation of money.

Mr. Osborn replied, that he would desire the gentleman

heart the interest of the people. o say how Congress could regulate commerce and not have the power of appropriating money? how could the one be carried out without the other ! of our harbors, and the removal of obstructions in rivers. Mr. Read remarked, that if the people of the North did not approve of the veto of the President of the harbor not approve of the veto of the President of the harbor bill inbill, it was different with his people. That harbor bill inhis seat, full credit for the ingenuity of his measure, and pany; passed to a third reading.

Mr. Edmonston gave the gentlement of his measure, and his seat, full credit for the ingenuity of his measure, and his argument. He thought it was intended as a means of Mr Wilson, from the same committee, reported back the cluded streams that were clearly not of national importance; that was the reason of the approval of his people of having the Senate make a show of a charge of inconsisbill to amend the charter of the Hagerstown canal company, the veto. Let the gentleman modify his resolution, spe- tency in the democratic party. A very pretty way of and legalize their acts; passed to a third reading. meat, and he would vote for it. He was in favor of ap- there had been no inconsistency in the course of the Pre-

was it he saw the same man in a different phase, as to his belief? Is it the same man, with the same name? If so, what has caused the gentleman to express himself so dif-

By adopting the amendment of Mr. Berry of F., the Senate have said that Congress has no right to improve the Ohio river. He would like to know if Senators will say that, upon the vote upon the question. He wished to see gentlemen representing constituents living on the banks of the Ohio, and on the borders of the Lakes, vote that Congress has no right to improve our harbors and

rivers—they would soon find out where they would stand. hy, Orth, Mr. Handy referred to the present debt of the State of penor—22. Indiana, that it was brought upon us when the whigs were in power—that when the democrats got the power into their hands, means were taken, successfully to recuperate the energies of the State, and placing her people once more in the proud station they once occupied. A debtpaying people was a matter of history. Now the whigs have the power once more in their hands, in this State, and they wish to recommend to the general government, the same course pursued by them in this State; they wish the Senate to recommend to Congress to pursue the same pernicious course, and bankrupt her faith, and her hon-

and be overwhelmingly in debt through all time.

On motion of Mr. Miller, (after his remark, that the debate had taken rather a singular turn, and party brought Senate on Saturday next; not adopted.

The resolution then was amended, and the question

The Senate adjourned. AFTERNOON SESSION. Mr. Ellis, on leave, introduced a resolution relative to the New Albany and Vincennes road; adopted. Also, a resolution, that when the Senate adjourns, it shall

adjourn until Monday next.

Mr. Read moved to strike out " Monday" and insert " Saturday" next. Mr. Ellis said that much good was done by members during the few days allowed for holidays. Committees could have meetings. Bills could be prepared, and time for the restoration of health by exercise would be had and members who lived near would have an opportunity to

Mr. Davis objected. He wished to get through and go home. He thought it wrong to keep members here i idleness who lived far from home. Mr. Robinson wished the Senate to adjourn.

greater number of the members could go home and know the opinions of their constituents relative to matters before the Legislature. He preferred Monday to Saturday. He objected to calling the ayes and noes on the resolution They were called for the purpose of making political capital. There could be no utility in it, and it was affording

Mr. Miller called for the reading of the resolution and the proposed amendment. The ayes and noes were then taken on the amendment and resulted ayes 27, noes 15. Mr. Robinson then moved to lay the resolution on the table; adopted.

The President laid before the Senate, a communication from the State Librarian; referred to the committee on the

State Library. The debate on the question by the Senate before the

adjournment in the morning, was continued as follows.

Mr. Read said he felt himself called upon to answer a

Let it be referred to a committee. Let there be a report.

Let the meritorious and unmeritorious parts of the petition few interrogatories by the gentleman from Floyd. He was the same James G. Read, and he was the same man who was a candidate for Governor of this State, and who

If he had been elected, he thought the State would not but he regretted that a petition of such a character should be the regr have been much more in debt than she is now; and she be introduced here. Most of the petitioners, he observed, was in a state of, be might say, eternal bankruptcy. He had not changed his opinion. But suppose he had, he had many great precedents—for instance, Henry Clay. And good God, could any one tell how often he had chang- whites and blacks, which is virtually requesting the privilege ground. for it : vet he was the God of Mr. Davis.

But because a little man like himself, had put out a little handbill, he must be jumped upon by the gentleman.

The gentleman must have had some design in throwing The gentleman must have had some design in throwing is so glaringly wrong that all are satisfied it should not be a fire-brand in the Senate, particularly to make an attack granted, then it should be laid on the table; if we at all Mr. Davis replied, he was far from attempting to fire

Mr. Read. He had a right to refer to his course, in foroffensive manner! Did he wish to enter into a history of that term, and of men who were formerly adherers of the Federalist party! Were they not those, who now are at the head of the Democratic party—that are now the pure.

party? Were they not those, who now are at the head of the Democratic party—that are now the pure, unsophisticated, dyed-in-the-wool democrats!

He referred to the circular issued in former times by the gentleman, and he had a right to do so. Whenever a the gentleman, and he had a right to do so. Whenever a man offers himself as a public man, he becomes public property, and his sentiments are subjects of criticism. The gentleman had referred to Henry Clay ; he had, for himself, nothing to say about that great man, he was a subject of history, his thoughts were engraved on the hearts of all, and his acts formed the brightes, page on the

history of his country.

But he would refer the gentlemen to m party who were called decocrats—Van Buren, and Mr. Polk. Which of those two were the democrat? Van Buren, or James K. Polk. Those two men had differed on the Texas question. He supposed Van Buren was not

If party had been brought into the question, it was from the other side of the chamber, not from his. This resolution was not of a party tendency—it was a whig doctrine, and the democrate had entertained the same:

judiciary committee.

Mr Deam, on leave, introduced a bill in relation to a State road between Cambridge City and Richmond; read a first Mr Hamilton presented a petition from William Camden and Hugh Sidwell, to change the name of Eliza Ann Cam-den to that of Eliza Ann Sidwell; referred to a select com-

He hoped that the resolution had been so drawn, that

He regretted that it was not considered on its merits

to the U. S. Senate, had condemned the veto.

ing called, the result was as follows:

or steamboats, are of national importance.

mittee on corporations.

its adoption, negatived.

Vanderburgh county.

On motion, the instructions were laid on the table.

Leave being granted, Mr. Milliken introduced a pe

Mr. Osborn moved to reconsider the vote taken on

Bills passed.

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was referred to the committee on the State Bank.

the table, praying the abolition of the "Black Laws"

The vote upon laying on the table was not reconsidered.

Wabash and Erie canal lands taken up.

amendment; and the bill passed.

A bill to extend the time of holding probate courts in

tion; referred to a select committee without reading.

boundaries of States.

canal lands, for relief; referred to the committee on canals

Mr Colms moved to take up the bill for the relief of the secureties of James A. Kindle; agreed to, and the bill passed.
On motion of Mr Palmer, the bill fixing the salary of the
auditor of Miami county was taken up, and referred to the

On motion of Mr Thompson, laid on the table. Mr Carr of L., from the same committee, a report same subject; laid on the table.
Mr Stanfield from the committee on the judiciary, to exmeasure. So had his Excellency in the seat above you; tend the writ of garnish

mittee of the whole House, and made the special order of Mr. Osborn regretted the turn of debate. He did not the day for Tuesday next. wish to discuss the resolution as a partisan, but as a Sena-Mr Dunham, from the same committee, reported back the bill to prevent the issue of small bills, with amendments; which was faid on the table.

Mr Edwards moved to lay the bill and amendments on the party ism could not be embraced in the discussion. He

Ou motion of Mr Carnan, the bill was referred to the com-

wished to show to the powers at Washington, the united voice of the people of Indiana on this subject. table : which was agreed to. Mr Harvey, from the same committee, reported back the petition of Michael McCall, and recommended its reference to the committee on claims; concurred in. What does it signify if there had existed once a party

apoken of Pogue's Run, and of its improvement. He use of the Hall to Mr Gayler, for the purpose of giving a free knew nothing of it. It might connect mighty cities-it lecture on the science of Mesmerism; adopted. might connect the commerce of States-it might form the Mr Dunham, from the same committee, a bill for the better

Polk's Run, on the mighty Lake Michigan. The widows in. it was inexpedient to distribute the school funds as contemlost their all, knew of it; yes, there were many who knew

plated by a resolution, referred to that committee. of Poik's Run, who had suffered because of the veto of the He did not wish merely to have Lake Michigan Harliable for damages. bors improved, but also what perhaps might be called

What is the course of the delegation from the West school fund to the trustees.

Also, the inexpediency of doing away with township trusit was in favor of the Harbor Bill. The course of the President was condemned by democrats-Wentworth and Hannegan had condemned it. Stephen Douglass, who had been endorsed by the Legislature of Illinois, and sent

All of which were concurred in.
Mr Meredith, from the committee on roads, reported back Gentlemen might call it a Northern question, but it was not a question of party; the voice of the people called for the bill locating a State road in Dearborn county ; passed to it. Yet we were called upon to endorse the veto. This a third reading. reminded him of the etiquette in some country, for the people to bow before their sovereign, and say he was right.

In this country, he regretted to say, there was the appeara first time.

Also, to relocate a portion of the State road in Carroll He asked Senators to forget they were democrats or whigs, but to look at the question as men who had at county; read a first time. Mr Dole, from the committee on canals and internal improvements, reported back the bill providing for a settlement with a contractor on the Madison and Indianabolis railroad. He repeated, that it was a self-evident fact, that it was a constitutional power vested in Congress for the improvement

opinion generally.

Mr. Davis said he received a deep impression, several years ago, from reading a circular issued by Mr. Read, in favor of internal improvements, the tariff, &c. Now, how favor of internal improvements, the tariff, &c. Now, how favor of internal improvements, the tariff, &c. Now, how favor of internal improvements, the tariff, &c. Now, how favor of internal improvements, the tariff, &c. Now, how favor of internal improvements, the tariff, &c. Now, how favor of internal improvements, the tariff, &c. Now, how favor of internal improvements, the tariff, &c. Now, how favor of internal improvements, the tariff, &c. Now, how favor of internal improvements, the tariff, &c. Now, how favor of internal improvements, the tariff, &c. Now, how favor of internal improvements, the tariff, &c. Now, how favor of internal improvements, the tariff, &c. Now, how favor of internal improvements, the tariff, &c. Now, how favor of internal improvements in the internal interna disuse from other reasons than its being objectionable to the people concerned.

> passed to a third reading. AYES-Messrs. Berry of F., Berry of M., Coats, Cup-Mr Stewart, from the committee on trust funds, reporte py, Day, Edmonston, English, Green, Handy, Hardin, Henry, Howell, Logan, Marsh, Miller, Milligan, Milliken, back the bill in relation to loaning school funds. After various amendments, it was recommitted to the san Read, Rockhili, Stewart, Stockwell, Taber, and Waters-The House adjourned. Nors-Messis. Allison, Beard, Bowers, Bradbury. AFTERNOON SESSION. Chenowith, Clements, Coffin, Davis, Ellis, Goodenow,

itlon, State Librarian : laid on the table and 500 copies orhy, Orth, Osborn, Robinson, Simpson, Winchell, and Mr Watts from the Committee on Benevolent and Scientific Institutions, reported that the matter relating to the removal of Mrs. Johnson, as Matron of the Dear and Dumb Asylum, belonged more properly to the Trustees of that Institution. So the same was referred to the committee on federal

Reports from Select Committees,
Mr Dobson reported back the bill providing for the reap-Leave being granted, Mr. Rockhill made a report, incorpraisement of real estate by township assessors in Ow porating the Fort Wayne Female College; referred to the unty ; passed to the third reading. Mr Parks reported a bill repealing the set for the protection of wild fruit as far as Polaski county is concerned Mr Harding, on the subject of water power on the Central Canal, accompanied with a bill; read the first time. Mr Suit, for the relief of purchasers of Canal lands in resolution, as amended, relative to the adjournment of the

Mr Jones of B. reported back the bill for the improvement of stock in Blackford county, with an amendment; which was read the faird time and passed. Mr Harlan, to locate a State road in Grant and Madison unties ; read the first time.

The Speaker laid before the House the resignation of Jas. adopted By Mr Shields, to secure to married women the power of

into the expediency of an enactment for a suit apon the part of females for divorces in Circuit Courts free of costs, and making it the duty of Prosecuting Attorneys in the respective counties to advocate instead of opposing such cases as is now provided by law; adopted.

By Mr Miller, that the committee on Education enquire into Mr Crookshank disclaimed having any sympathy with the self-styled Liberty party, but independent of their right to petition, persecution was not the best means to suppress datiinterest arising from the surplus revenue fund and the inter gerous opinions. The Abelitionists prosper so well under rest due any township for interest received on its common persecution, that they seek ft. By withholding from them the same rights and courtesy due to others on this floor, we contribute to their success. The murder of Lovejoy, at Alton, Illinois, raised an hundred advocates for Aboli ionism, relation to the ordinance on nuisances by the City Council of

popular signification of that word, but it was not to be de-nied that a large and respectable portion of his constituents. By M. Harland on the constituents are some of the constituents. were. Some of them may be zealous to fanaticism, but all were. Some of them may be zealous to fanaticism, but all school fund for the purpose of publishing a uniform series of are actuated by honest motives, and they had a right to peti-school books; not adopted. tion. There were requests in that petition he, as one, could

> Bills introduced and read a first time.
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> Mr Holland, in relation to divorces in the Circuit Court. Mr Griffis, to legalize the acts of a Justice of the Peace in

settlement of guardian Mr Hendricks, to incorporate the Underwood burying Mr Colms, to incorporate the Kosciusk stitutional right, he was proud to say, to the most humble

> Bills read the third time and passed, Providing for the payment of damages assessed or to be as-sessed for private property taken for the construction of the Wabash and Erie Canal.

By Mr. Berry of M.; referred to the judiciary commit-

Reports from Select Committees.

By Mr. Osborn, of a bill relative to the retailing of spiritous liquors in Laporte county.

By Mr. Miller, of a bill for the felief of Longacious

On motion of Mr Ferguson, the bill in relation to the new state Prison was taken up, amended, and referred to the committee on the State Prison.

Mr Fuller asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr By Mr. Berry of M., that when the Senate adjourns, it will adjourn until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock;

Mr Porter from the same committee, authorizing the Lagrange probate judge to take acknowledgements of deeds, &c.; passed to a third reading.

Mr Fuller, on leave, introduced a resolution giving the

Mr. Orth. "Polk's Run !"

Mr. Osborne. Polk's Run, yes, he knew something of dient to further legislate on the subject of estrays; concurred

Also, that it was inexpedient to legislate on the resolu-tion providing that persons for feiting school lands should be Also, the inexpediency of distributing the school funds of each township equally among all in the county.

Also, that it was inexpedient to give the control of the

Also, the inexpediency of placing school funds in the hands of commissioners, to be loaned out

Also, recommending the passage of the bill establishing a State road in Wayne and Randolph counties; passed to a third tending.
Also, a bill to locate a State road in Carroll county; read

amended; concurred in. f our harbors, and the removal of obstructions in rivers.

Mr. Potter, from the committee on corporations, reported back the bill incorporating the Delphi Manufacturing Com-

propriations on public streams and Lakes, that were clearly of national importance. But he would not vote for the ingenious resolution under consideration, expressing an interest had been no inconsistency in the course of the President had been no inconsistency in the course of the President had ments.

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Mr Carnahan thought the citizens of Mount Vernon knew ernment had no right to make improvements in the indi-The question then was taken, and the aves and noes be

The amendments were not concurred in:

The Speaker laid before the House the report of John B. Hamer, Hamrick, Holloway. Morgan, Monigomery, Mur-

Mr. Clements then moved certain instructions as follows "That the rivers and lakes of the West, which have been, are now, or may hereafter, be navigated by shipping or steamboats, are of national importance.

The Committee was discharged.

Also, reported back the bill fixing the time for the trustees of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum to make their report.

Carroll county; read the first time.

Mr Miller, for the relief of James Kitchen ; passed to the

Senate adjourned until to morrow morning, at 9 o'clock. Mr Baiding for the compensation of S. P. Morgan, for ar-resting a certain fugitive from justice; read the second time. Resolutions Introduced.

By Mr Carr of L., that the House each day take up the ideas of the day at two o'clock, unless reached sooner; THURSDAY, December 24, 1846.

Drake, as Bank Director on behalf of the State; which holding property both personal and real, in their own right; On motion of Mr Cassatt, the order of business was suspended, and the bill for the relief of the purchasers of the By Mr Thompson, that the Judiciary committee inquire On motion of Mr Palmer, the House receded from Mr Crookshank moved to reconsider the vote taken vesterday on laying the petition from Z. Casterline and others on

for the one it destroyed. Nothing will ever be gained by Indianapolis; not adopted. forcible means to suppress their principles.

Mr Yaryan said he was not an Abolitionist himself, in the By Mr Wise, that the committee on Military Affairs report

tion. There were requests in that petition he, as one, could By Mr Moore, a joint resolution in relation to the Cumbe not comply with, but that it had merits, he would ask any land road; read the first time. member to deny. He did not now desire to discuss the By Mr Mason, a joint resolution to secure preemption claims to actual settlers on Congress lands; read the first time. merits of the petition. To do so would raise a false issue. Let it be referred to a committee. Let there be a report.

> Blackford county. Mr Harvey, to protect the property of married women. Mr Monk, to transfer the duties of school commissioner that of treasurer, in Crawford county.
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> Mr Holland, to regulate the fees of jurors and witnesse before justices of the peace. Mr Powell, to provide for recording guardian's bonds an

Mr Watts, to change the name of Anna James to Anna human being in our State; but when the petition is intro-duced, it is in the power of the House either to refer it, or to have it laid on the table. If the prayer of the petitioners

doubt whether we should grant the prayer of the petitioners, the petition should then be referred to an appropriate committee. Now, this petition is in substance asking us to permit the Blacks to bear evidence in our courts of justice, The act in relation to county roads.

The act fixing the time of holding the courts in the 9th

tee without reading.

Leave was granted to Mr. Osborn to introduce a joint resolution on the subject of improving the harbors on upon our government, and more so upon those who hold them in bondage. I am not an abolitionist, in the common acceptation of the word. I am in favor of gradual emancipation and colonization, but bitterly opposed to amalgamation. He hoped the petition would not be taken from the table and referred.

By Mr. Milligan, of James Williams; referred to a setable and referred.

Mr Jenistin moved to take from the table the Senate bill providing for a special session of the probate court of Hamilton county. Messrs Neal, Scott, and Nossinger obtained leave of absence.

Mr Suit moved to take from the table the Senate bill for the relief of Joseph Lacklair; agreed to; read a third time, and passed.

Resolved, That the committee on roads he instructed to inquire into the expediency of giving the supervisors of roads power to collect the road lax assessed by the boards doing county business; adopted. Messrs Neal, Scott, and Nofsinger obtained leave of ab-